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SUBJECT: AIFLD DEMISE

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1. I CALLED ON PRES MOLINA THIS MORNING (JULY 3) AND ASKED ABOUT THE DEMISE OF AIFLD. HE SAID THE WHOLE MATTER OF AIFLD/ U. C. S. (UNION COMUNAL SALVADORENA) HAD FIRST COME TO HIS ATTENTION WHEN HE WAS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PRES. SANCHEZ. AT THAT TIME HE HAD INVESTIGATED THE DIRECTION UCS WAS TAKING BUT HAD COME TO NO CONCLUSION.

2. AS PRESIDENT, HE BEGAN TO HEAR RUMORS ABOUT INFILTRATION OF SUBVERSIVE IDEAS AND HE SPECIFICALLY HEARD COMPLAINTS ABOUT ELIO HORNA (THE FONMIN MENTIONED PROBLEMS WITH HORNA TO ME IN APRIL). THE TROUBLE LAY, HE SAID, IN FOMENTING AMONG THE CAMPESINOS THE BELIEF THAT LAND WOULD BE PARCELLED OUT IN LARGE QUANTITIES. "... THIS I HAVE NEVER SAID," HE INSISTED.

" AGRARIAN REFORM IS THE MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEM I HAVE TO FACE. IT WILL BE SOLVED ONLY BY STUDY AND CONSULTATION WITH MANY SECTORS OF SOCIETY. COOPERATIVISM WILL PLAY A MAJOR PART. BUT I CANNOT HAVE UNTRUE STORIES BEING SPREAD. THE FINAL SOLUTION WILL BE, MUST BE, SALVADORAN NOT PERUVIAN OR ANY OTHER FOREIGN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOLUTION. AIFLD HAD BECOME AN INTOLERABLE INTRUSION IN OUR AFFAIRS."

3. I ASKED WHAT THE FUTURE OF UCS MIGHT BE. HE SAID IT WOULD CONTINUE BUT UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF GEN. AGUIRRE AND THE INSTITUTE DE COLONIZACION RURAL.

4. COMMENT: MOLINA WAS SURPRISINGLY WELL INFORMED ABOUT DETAILS OF AIFLD/ UCS. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE OUSTER REPRESENTS AN OVER- REACTION OR A TURN " TOWARD HARDENED RIGHTIST ATTITUDES." INSTEAD, I VIEW IT AS A RESULT OF THE HEIGHTENED NATIONALISM WHICH HAS BEEN THE KEYSTONE OF MOLINA' S ADMINISTRATION. WHEN THAT NATIONALISM COLLIDED WITH A FOREIGN- SPONSORED MOVEMENT WHICH THE GOES PERCEIVED AS COMPLICATING A DELICATE MATTER, I. E. AGRARIAN REFORM, THE RESULT WAS INEVITABLE.
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